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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 57/167 of 18 December 2002, in which it endorsed the Political Declaration and the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing 2002,[1] as well as its resolution 58/134 of 22 December 2003, in which it took note, inter alia, of the road map for the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action,

Recalling also Commission for Social Development resolution 42/1 of 13 February 2004, entitled "Modalities for the review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002", in which the Commission decided to undertake the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action every five years, with each review and appraisal cycle to focus on one of the priority directions of the Madrid Plan of Action,

1. *Recommends* that ongoing efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals consider the situation of older persons, ensure the integration of ageing issues into policies and programmes and provide opportunities for older persons to participate in decision-making and other activities;

2. *Calls* on Governments and the United Nations system agencies and organizations, as well as the non-governmental community, to ensure that the challenges of population ageing and the concerns of older persons are adequately incorporated into their programmes and projects, especially at the country level;

3. *Stresses* the need for additional capacity-building at the national level in order to promote and facilitate implementation of the Madrid International Plan of

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid, 8-12 April 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.IV.4), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

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Action on Ageing, 2002,[2] and in this connection, encourages Governments to support the United Nations Trust Fund for Ageing to enable the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to provide expanded assistance to countries, upon their request;

4. *Invites* Governments, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to encourage and support comprehensive, diversified and specialized research on ageing in all countries, particularly in developing countries, including international research, with a view to promoting international research coordination, exchanging knowledge and supporting policy responses to ageing;

5. *Invites* the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council to integrate the issues of population and individual ageing into their programmes of work in order to promote implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action;

6. *Recommends* that the Commission on the Status of Women continue to include in its agenda the situation of older women, particularly those who are most vulnerable, including those living in rural areas;

7. *Encourages* those regional commissions that have not yet done so to elaborate a regional strategy for the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action, and requests the Commission for Social Development to clarify the role of the regional commissions in facilitating the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action, as well as the content, format and date of its global review and appraisal exercise;

8. *Takes note* of Commission for Social Development resolution 42/1, and requests the Secretary-General to present his proposals for conducting the review and appraisal exercise at the regional and global levels to the Commission for Social Development at its forty-third session;

9. *Reiterates* its request to the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to assign full-time focal points on ageing and to provide them with adequate resources for further implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action, particularly through appropriate mainstreaming action;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward his report[3] to the Commission for Social Development at its forty-third session in order to assist the Commission in its deliberations;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] A/59/164.